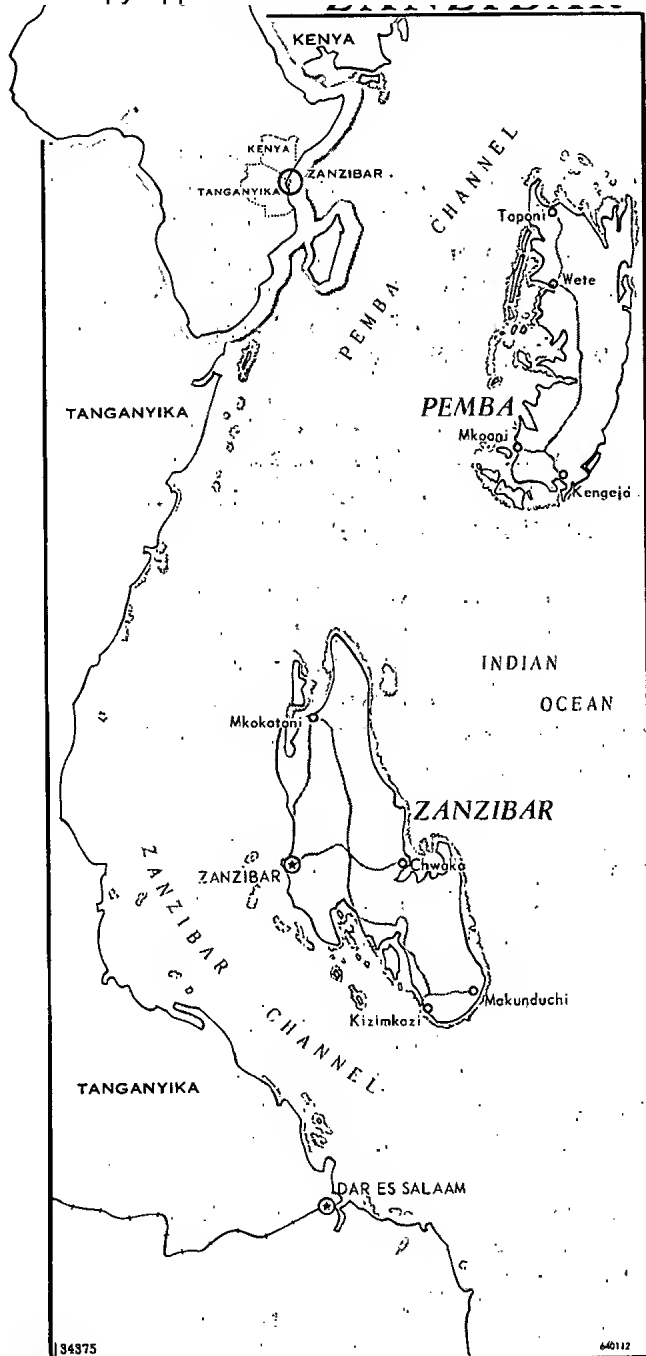


THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Zanzibar

a. Our embassy in Dar-es-Salaam has lost telephone contact with Zanzibar, and the US destroyer Manley is on its way to evacuate the 30 to 50 Americans on the island.

b. The new government has declared a state of emergency and warned all foreign ships to stay outside the island's territorial waters.

c. Pro-Communists were behind the well-organized coup which early yesterday toppled the month-old government of Sultan Khalife.

d. Leader of the coup was Abdulrahman "Babu" Mohammed, chief of the heretofore illegal Peoples' Party financed by Peiping. He returned from his latest trip to Peiping only last month.

e. He was assisted by some 23 Peoples' Party toughs who likewise only recently returned--from guerrilla training in Cuba.

f. Most members of the new government are leaders of the opposition Afro-Shirazi Party and should therefore have the support of the island's large African majority. (The former government was Arab-dominated.)

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g. Neighboring Kenya and Tanganyika will also support the new government, Tanganyika having actively aided the Afro-Shirazi Party in the past.

h. However, the new Prime Minister, Kassim Hanga, is a Moscow-trained Marxist, and Mohammed is Foreign and Defense Minister.



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2. India-Pakistan

a. The worst communal rioting since 1947 has forced Indian police and army reinforcements to clamp on a strict curfew in Calcutta.

b. Anti-Moslem riots there had followed closely on anti-Indian demonstrations in East Pakistan in which a number of Hindus lost their lives.

c. Further communal violence seems inevitable as refugees, expelled, and thousands now homeless, move in both directions between India and East Pakistan.

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d. The situation, always explosive, has been emotionally charged by the disappearance two weeks ago of a Moslem religious relic from Srinagar in Indian controlled Kashmir.

e. There, for the past ten days, hostile Moslem mobs have been gathering, first to protest the theft and now to protest that the "recovered" relic is an Indian fraud.

3. Panama

a. Violence flared again yesterday after an otherwise orderly funeral for Panamanian victims, and there is still sporadic sniping.

b. The National Guard has been ordered to round up agitators, confiscate weapons, and disperse crowds, but US observers believe it has done less than it could so far.

c. The government is probably reluctant to take sterner measures, lest crowds turn against it.

d. Panamanian assemblywoman Thelma King has been in the forefront of the Communist and pro-Communist agitators who have tried to keep the pot boiling. [REDACTED]

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e. Chiari continues to insist on a new treaty. Assistant Secretary Mann sees Foreign Minister Solis again at 1000 this morning, and, if there are no new developments, will be leaving for Washington around noon.

f. Latin American reaction, unlike Havana's, has been generally moderate and hopeful in tone.

g. Most hemisphere governments appear to have limited themselves to issuing general expressions of sympathy for the Panamanians and hope that the dispute will be quickly resolved.

h. Several, such as Costa Rica and Bolivia, have offered their good offices to help solve the dispute, while others, such as Mexico and Brazil, have refrained from making any official comment at all.

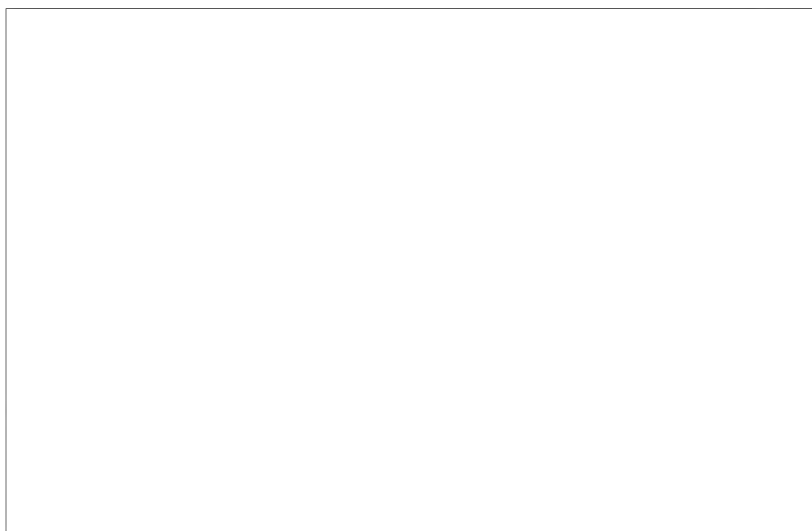
4. Cuba-USSR

a. Castro arrived in Moscow today.

b. We have no information on the purpose of his surprise visit. The Soviet announcement said only that Khrushchev had invited him when he was there last spring to come see a Russian winter.

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c. Soviet presidium member Podgorny has also returned to Moscow from Havana with Cuban President Dorticos in tow.



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5. Cyprus Conference

a. The problem of guarantees to the Turkish Cypriot minority will prove to be the biggest stumbling block at this week's London conference.

b. The Greek Cypriots, the Greeks, and the British are more or less agreed that the present arrangement must be changed, although there are differences over what the new set-up should be.

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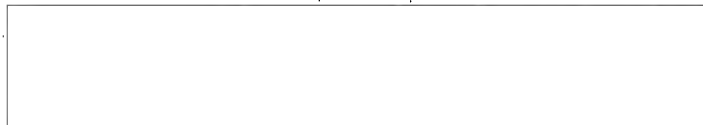
c. Almost any change would mean a reduction in Turkish protection, which neither the Turks nor the Turkish Cypriots will buy.

d. They can be expected to insist on partition, perhaps under the guise of some sort of federated state, or even exchange of populations.

6. Italy-MLF

a. MLF has top priority on the list of topics Segni and Saragat want to talk about while here.

b. Both support the project, but at least Saragat will argue for delay in the belief, shared by many in Italy including our embassy there, that to move too quickly will wreck the new government before it can get established.



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- A. India While reports of Nehru's condition vary, he is almost certainly in poorer shape than the public is being led to believe.

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- B. Afghanistan Afghan leaders have begun to show an interest in reducing their dependence on the USSR for military training and equipment. We have been asked to help provide commando-type training, and the West Germans have been approached for help in organizing a mountain division.

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